



Los Angeles Grand Avenue Authority



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JUNE 5, 2006 MINUTES

The fifteenth meeting of the Los Angeles Grand Avenue Authority was held June 5, 2006 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 743, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gloria Molina noting a quorum called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The following Directors were present, constituting a quorum of the Authority:

Honorable Gloria Molina, Supervisor First District, Los Angeles County
David E. Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer, Los Angeles County
Robert R. "Bud" Ovrom, Chief Executive Officer, Community Redevelopment Agency, City of Los Angeles
Sunne Wright McPeak, Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing, State Department of California

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 20, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Director Janssen, seconded by Director Ovrom, the Authority unanimously approved the March 20, 2006 minutes.

GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Eli Broad, Chair, Grand Avenue Committee, reported that the programming and design of the park; the design of Parcel Q; finalization of the development negotiations; the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analysis; and the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) are all occurring simultaneously. The Core Design Team will hold an outreach meeting on June 21, 2006 at the Court of Flags to discuss ideas/possibilities of the park and provide the public an opportunity for comments/suggestions. Although the May 25, 2006 outreach meeting focused on the design of Parcel Q, a group of participants mentioned the possibility of adding community benefits to the project. The Committee and the Developer are near finalizing the terms of the DDA. Further, the City of Los Angeles is also conducting third party reviews of the parking and hotel proposals. The final proof copy of the EIR will be reviewed on June 6, 2006 and will be available to the public on June 14, 2006.

CIVIC PARK DESIGN PROCESS – Action on public outreach process through the pre-schematic phase of park design

On motion of Director Janssen, seconded by Director Ovrom, the Authority unanimously approved the Community benefits outlined in the Civic Park Design Process.

Bill Witte, Related Companies, provided an update on the recent outreach meeting and summarized the public responses regarding the Civic Park design. Although most comments were productive and well received, Mr. Witte advised some Community Groups have advocated that the Grand Avenue project fails to address the homeless and poverty levels affecting downtown Los Angeles. Director McPeak commented that all aspects of any public project are difficult to achieve and suggested documenting the names of the complainants for future reference. Mr. Witte reported the June 21, 2006 public outreach meeting will allow for more mediums such as Webcast for the public to become more involved. Director Janssen asked for the expected completion date of the DDA. Martha Welborne reported the DDA is near completion and will be ready for approval by the Community Redevelopment Agency and Board of Supervisors beginning October 23, 2006 – December 1, 2006.

ACTION ON GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE CONTRACT AMENDMENT – Martha Welborne

On motion of Director Ovrom, seconded by Director Janssen, the Authority unanimously approved to extend the contract amendment between the Grand Avenue Committee and the Joint Powers Authority for one year beginning February 23, 2007 and expiring February 22, 2008.

ACTION ON GRAND AVENUE COMMITTEE FY 2006-2007 BUDGET – Martha Welborne

Ms. Welborne reported the bulk of the budget expenses are laden by consulting and administrative fees. In response to Director McPeak, Ms. Welborne advised the EIR analysis is borne by the developer and may cost up to \$500,000.

On motion of Director Janssen, seconded by Director Ovrom, the Authority unanimously approved the FY 2005-2006 Budget.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Ms. Welborne reported the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2006

PUBLIC COMMENT

On behalf of Mayor Michael D. Antonovich, 5th District Planning Deputy Paul Novak submitted a letter to the Authority outlining concerns regarding the Grand Avenue Project. After a brief discussion, the Authority acknowledged receipt of the letter on June 5, 2006 and instructed the Grand Avenue Committee Staff to respond to the Fifth District inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.